Retirement Scheme and Voluntary Separation Scheme on 5.5.2000. Subsequently, however, the distinction between the two was removed under the liberalized scheme announced on 6.11.2001.

(c) The names of the Central Public Sector Undertakings which have opted for VRS upto 31st March, 2001 are given in statement [Refer to the statement appended to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 3046(b)]

Closing down of tea/coffee estates

3052. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many tea and coffee estates in the country have closed down during last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of workers rendered jobless; and

(c) the steps being taken to give alternative job opportunities to the jobless workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vocational Training to Women and Girls in Himachal Pradesh

3053. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be plesed to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Employment and Training is providing Vocational Training to Women and Girls in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, vocation-wise; and

(c) the number of women and girls who benefited during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Vocational Training is provided to men and women in all the Vocational Training Institutes which are set up by the Directorate General of Employment & Training and the State/UT